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Mr. Richard Helms
Director
THE CIA
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

We write UNDER TWENTY, an editorial teenage package the largest of its kind, reaching over 250 newspapers throughout the country and syndicated by Columbia Features, Inc.

In the UNDER TWENTY teenage package is a column called, "Question-Airs." For "Question-Airs" we ask the teenage newspaper reader to direct a question of interest, to be answered by a prominent citizen of our country. The young person whose letter is selected and answered receives the original of the letter and a set of encyclopedias.

Following is a letter from [redacted]
Ohio:

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I am very seriously interested in becoming a member of the Central Intelligence Agency, when I graduate from high school.

Would you please ask Mr. Richard Helms, Director of the CIA, what type of education or background is necessary also what the requirements are and if there is an age limit to work for the CIA.

I'm interested in the profession because I would be serving my country which is very important to me. I would greatly appreciate any advice you could give me. Thank you.

Please write to [redacted] care of us at UNDER TWENTY. We will publish your answer in our column. The ideal length of the answer would be 200-300 words, with a personal word of encouragement to [redacted]

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CIA

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Our teenage package UNDER TWENTY has been syndicated for over six years and the cooperation and willingness of persons in positions of prominence and authority, including the President of the United States, has been more than gratifying.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kurt Lassen".

Kurt Lassen
Editor

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